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(SBU) PolCouns delivered reftel demarche to Ministry of External Affairs Joint Secretary (UN Economic and Social) Manjeev Singh Puri, who stated that India is willing to keep the current UN scale of assessments in place, noting that it is an agreed upon system which is working well. He predicted that the 22% ceiling rate will remain in place, but warned that the EU and Japan may object. Puri opined that making "side deals" on developing country contributions risks upsetting the current assessment balance in the UN. PYATT